

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OF A WATER  
QUALITY RESTORATION STUDY FOR THE JAMES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES IN  
RICHMOND CITY, CHESTERFIELD, HENRICO, AND POWHATAN COUNTIES, VIRGINIA**

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality is extending the final comment period for this water quality study as a result of requests by the public. As of this notice, , DEQ will continue accepting public comments on the study for an additional 30 days which will expire on October 27, 2009.

DESCRIPTION OF STUDY: Virginia agencies have been working to identify sources of the bacterial contamination in the waters of the James River and it's tributaries in the following jurisdictions:

Stream	County/City	Length (mi.)	Impairment
Bernards Creek	Chesterfield, Powhatan	6.95	Bacteria
Powwhite Creek	Chesterfield, Richmond City	8.13	Bacteria
Reedy Creek	Richmond City	3.69	Bacteria
James River	Richmond City	2.99	Bacteria
Gillies Creek	Richmond City, Henrico	5.75	Bacteria
Almond Creek	Henrico	2.08	Bacteria
Goode Creek	Richmond City	1.22	Bacteria
Falling Creek	Chesterfield	3.10	Bacteria
No Name Creek	Chesterfield	2.07	Bacteria
James River	Chesterfield, Henrico, Richmond City	6.75	Bacteria

These streams are impaired due to bacterial standard violations and failure to meet the *Primary Contact (Recreational)* designated use. The study describes the sources of bacterial contamination and recommends total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), for these impaired waters. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. To restore water quality, bacterial levels have to be reduced to meet Virginia's bacterial water quality standards. Please visit:

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/mtgppt.html>

to review the March 10, 2009 final public meetings presentations . The draft TMDL report is available for review at:

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/TMDLDataSearch/DraftReports.jspx>

The development of a TMDL includes multiple public meetings; each followed by 30-day public comment period. Due to requests made during the most recent public comment period that ended April 10th, 2009, DEQ has decided to extend the public comment opportunity for an additional 30 days.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period, which will end on October 27, 2009.

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